

# Getting Prepared

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A basic self-check list can be found in the EPA publication “Operating and Maintaining Underground storage Tank Systems”. An illustration of one page and of the publication itself follows.

In addition, some other basic publications which contain good information are illustrated

## A BASIC CHECKLIST FOR USTs

Checklist Page 3

If you cannot answer any of the following questions or find that you are missing something, you must take action quickly to remedy the situation. If not, you may be cited for violations and subject to penalty fees during official UST inspections. All page references in the checklist are to EPA's *Musts For USTs: A Summary Of Federal Regulations (July 1995)*. Note: This checklist covers most Federal regulations, but be sure to check with State/local agencies that may have additional/different requirements or their own checklists.

Answer by entering:    • for Yes    or    NA for Not Applicable

Please note that filling out this checklist does not guarantee that you are in fact in compliance with UST requirements. Only an official site inspection can confirm your compliance status.

Facility name or ID#:

Date of today's evaluation:

Your USTs have RELEASE DETECTION?

Need at least one check in each column

(See pages 8-11 for allowable methods and their restrictions):

UST #1    UST #2    UST #3    UST #4

UST uses Interstitial Monitoring at least monthly?

UST uses Automatic Tank Gauging at least monthly?

UST uses Vapor Monitoring at least monthly?

UST uses Groundwater Monitoring at least monthly?

UST uses Manual Tank Gauging alone (only for tanks <1001 gallons)?

UST uses Manual Tank Gauging & Tank Tightness Testing (only for tanks <2001 gallons and 10-year maximum use)?

UST uses Inventory Control and Tank Tightness Testing (10-year maximum use)?

Specify any other release detection method, such as SIFT.

**If UST has PRESSURIZED PIPING:****Need at least one check in each column**

Piping has automatic flow restrictor (see page 11)?

Piping has automatic shutoff device (see page 11)?

Piping uses continuous alarm system (see page 11)?

**If UST has PRESSURIZED PIPING:  
column****Need at least one check in each**

Piping uses annual line tightness testing (see page 11)?

Piping uses monthly monitoring (see page 11)?

**If UST has SUCTION PIPING:  
column****Need at least one check in each**

Piping uses monthly monitoring (see page 11)?

Piping uses line tightness testing every 3 years (see page 11)?

Piping has no release detection requirements (see page 11)?

**You keep RECORDS OF RELEASE DETECTION? (See page 27):****Respond in all columns & rows**

You keep records at least 1 year showing the results of repairs and of monthly sampling, testing, and monitoring of release detection (except for tank tightness testing records, which you keep until the next test)?

You keep records at least 5 years of calibration and maintenance of release detection equipment?